

282—15.4(272) Special education consultant.

15.4(1) Authorization. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a special education consultant. The consultant provides ongoing assistance to instructional programs for pupils requiring special education. A consultant can serve programs with pupils from birth to age 21 (and to a maximum allowable age in accordance with Iowa Code section 256B.8) with the exception of consultants serving deaf or hard-of-hearing or visually disabled students. Applicants who desire to serve as consultants serving deaf or hard-of-hearing or visually disabled students must hold the respective special education instructional endorsement. The deaf or hard-of-hearing consultant endorsement or the visually disabled consultant endorsement allows the individual to serve students from birth to age 21.

15.4(2) Program requirements.

a. An applicant must hold a master's degree.

(1) Option 1: Master's in special education in an endorsement area listed under rule 15.2(272).

(2) Option 2: Master's in another area of education plus an endorsement in at least one special education instructional area.

b. Content. The coursework is to be at least 8 graduate semester hours to include the following:

(1) Curriculum development design.

(2) Consultation process in special or regular education:

1. Examination, analysis, and application of a methodological model for consulting with teachers and other adults involved in the educational program.

2. Interpersonal relations, interaction patterns, interpersonal influence, and communication skills.

(3) Skills required for conducting a needs assessment, delivering staff in-service needs, and evaluating in-service sessions.

15.4(3) Other. An applicant must have four years of successful teaching experience, two of which must be in special education.